GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2448
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2017
Fellowships and Scholarships for Tribal Students
Ahlawat Smt. Santosh;Chaudhury Shri Jitendra;Sampath Shri Anirudhan;Saraswati Shri Sumedhanand

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government hasprepared any data of ST students who gotbenefited under National OverseasScholarship, National Fellowship andScholarship for Higher Education toScheduled Tribes (STs) students schemesduring the last three years;
(b) if so, the details thereof along withthe expenditure incurred in this regard,State/UT-wise;
(c) whether the Government hasreceived any complaints with regard toanarchy in the National Overseas NationalFellowship and Scholarship to STs studentschemes during the said period;
(d) if so, the details thereof and theaction taken by the Government againstthe offenders;
(e) whether the Government has anyproposal to increase the number ofmeritorious students under the"National Overseas Scholarship" forScheduled Tribe students from 15 to 30students; and
(f) if so, the details thereof and thetime by which it is likely to be implementedand if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI JASWANTSINH BHABHOR)

(a)&(b): This Ministry is implementing the schemes (i) National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Tribes (ST) students and (ii) National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of STs students.Under these schemes, funds are not released to States/UTs. Financial assistance under these schemes are provided directly to beneficiaries and concerned institutions. The details of funds releasedand beneficiaries covered during the last three years are as per Annexure.

(c)&(d): No such complaint has been received in the Ministry.

(e)&(f): Under the scheme National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe students, there are 17 awards for ST students and 3 awards for students belonging to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). At present there is no proposal under consideration for increasing the number of awards from the present limit of 20.

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Annexure
Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a)& (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2448 for answer on 31.07.2017 tabled by Shri SumedhanandSarswati, Shri JitendraChaudhury, Dr. A. Sampath, Shrimati Santosh Ahlawat regarding "Fellowships and Scholarships for Tribal Students".

Details of Funds released and covered thereof under the scheme of National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) for ST students
(? in lakhs)
2014-15 2015-16 2016-17
Fund Released Beneficiaries Fund Released Beneficiaries Fund Released Beneficiaries
99.13
21 39.04 15 39.00 9

Details of Funds Released to University Grants Commission (UGC)and beneficiaries covered under the scheme of National Fellowship Scheme for ST students (NFS)

(? in lakhs)
2014-15 2015-16 2016-17
Fund Released Beneficiaries Fund Released Beneficiaries Fund Released Beneficiaries
0.00
3335 3138.76 1408 7312.25 2197

Details of Funds released to institutions under National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students
(? in lakhs)
2014-15 2015-16 2016-17
Fund released Beneficiaries Fund released Beneficiaries Fund released Beneficiaries
1849.85 1850 1552.32 1017 687.75 490